

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Previously Presented) Sealable packaging container comprising a packaging tray and a packaging lid each having a circumferential area which is preferably at least partially also the sealing area, characterised in that the area of the packaging lid is larger than the area of the packaging tray.

2. (Previously Presented) Sealable packaging container according to claim 1, characterised in that the area of the tray contains at least three openings for through-pins.

3. (Previously Presented) Sealable packaging container according to claim 1, characterised in that the circumference of area is wider than the circumference of area.

4. (Previously Presented) Sealable packaging container according to claim 1, characterised in that the circumferential areas have corners and the area of the lid is in the region of the corners wider than the area of the tray.

5. (Previously Presented) Sealable packaging container according to claim 4, characterised in that the corners of the sealing areas are rounded off and that the roundness of tray's corners has a radius larger than the radius of lid's corners.

6. (Previously Presented) Sealable packaging container according to

- claim 1, characterised in that a lug is mounted in each of at least two diametrically opposing corners of the lid or the tray and that the lugs are protruding out of the tray or the lid into the opposing part of the container.

7. (Previously Presented) Packaging machine for sealing a packaging container according to claim 1, having an upper part and a lower part arranged vertically moveable against each other, characterised in that the packaging machine comprises:

- means for opening the container,
- means for evacuation and preferably means for exchanging gas inside the container and
- means for sealing the container.

8. (Previously Presented) Packaging machine according to claim 7, characterised in that the lower part contains a receptacle for holding the tray and that means are lifting means for opening the container by lifting the lid from the tray.

9. (Previously Presented) Packaging machine according to claim 7, characterised in that the lower part contains a receptacle for holding the tray and that opening means keep the lid in its fixed position while the receptacle is moved downwards.

10. (Previously Presented) Packaging machine according to claim 7, characterised in that the lower part contains a receptacle for holding the tray and that the container is opened by the opening means lifting off the lid from the tray and the receptacle moving downwards.

11. (Previously Presented) Packaging machine according to claim 7, characterised in that the means act upon those parts of the area of the lid which protrude to the area of the tray.

12. (Previously Presented) Packaging machine according to claim 7, characterised in that the means are at least three, preferably four vertically arranged pins located at the horizontal circumference of the tray and which extend before evacuation over the upper edge of the tray.

13. (Previously Presented) Packaging machine according to -claim 7, characterised in that the means are mounted on spring elements.

14. (Previously Presented) Method of sealing a sealable container which comprises a lid and a tray, characterised by the steps of:

- inserting the container into the packaging machine,
- opening the container by lifting off the lid from the tray and/or pulling down the tray,

- evacuating, preferably exchanging, the gas atmosphere inside the container,
- sealing the area of the lid onto the area of the tray.